

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2841 - SB 2956

January 22, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the "Tennessee Local Firefighters and Law Enforcement Officers Grant."

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – Increases the expenditure of lottery proceeds earmarked for scholarships and grants by \$2,996,300 in FY08-09 and by \$2,048,300 in FY09-10.

Assumptions:

- There are approximately 6,200 firefighters (UT Municipal Technical Advisory Services) and 13,000 law enforcement officers (Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) Commission) in Tennessee.
- 85% do not hold a baccalaureate degree.
- The percentage of working-age adults that are enrolled in undergraduate programs is estimated to be 9%.
- The number of eligible enrollees for FY08-09 is estimated to be 1,469 (19,200 individuals x 85% x 9% = 1,469).
- The amount of grant is set at one-half the amount of a Tennessee HOPE scholarship awarded to a full-time student (\$2,000).
- The increase of expenditures from lottery proceeds for the new grant program in FY08-09 is estimated to be \$2,938,000 (1,469 eligible enrollees x \$2,000 = \$2,938,000).
- 60% (or 881) of first-year students are estimated to retain the Tennessee Local Firefighters and Law Enforcement Officers Grant.
- The number of new enrollees for FY09-10 is estimated to be 114.
- The increase of expenditures from lottery proceeds for the grant program in FY09-10 is estimated to be \$1,990,000 (995 eligible enrollees x \$2,000 = \$1,990,000).
- One new position for the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation for the administration of the new program estimated to be \$58,300 per year (\$34,300 for salary; \$9,600 for benefits; \$14,400 for travel, communications, supplies, etc.).

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CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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